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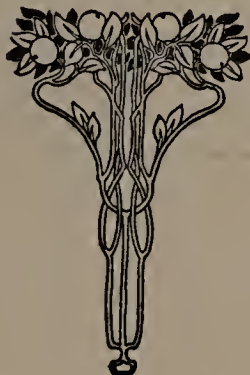
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THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR  
HELPING MEN TO  
HELP THEMSELVES



THIRTY-FIFTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Boston Industrial Home  
(INCORPORATED)

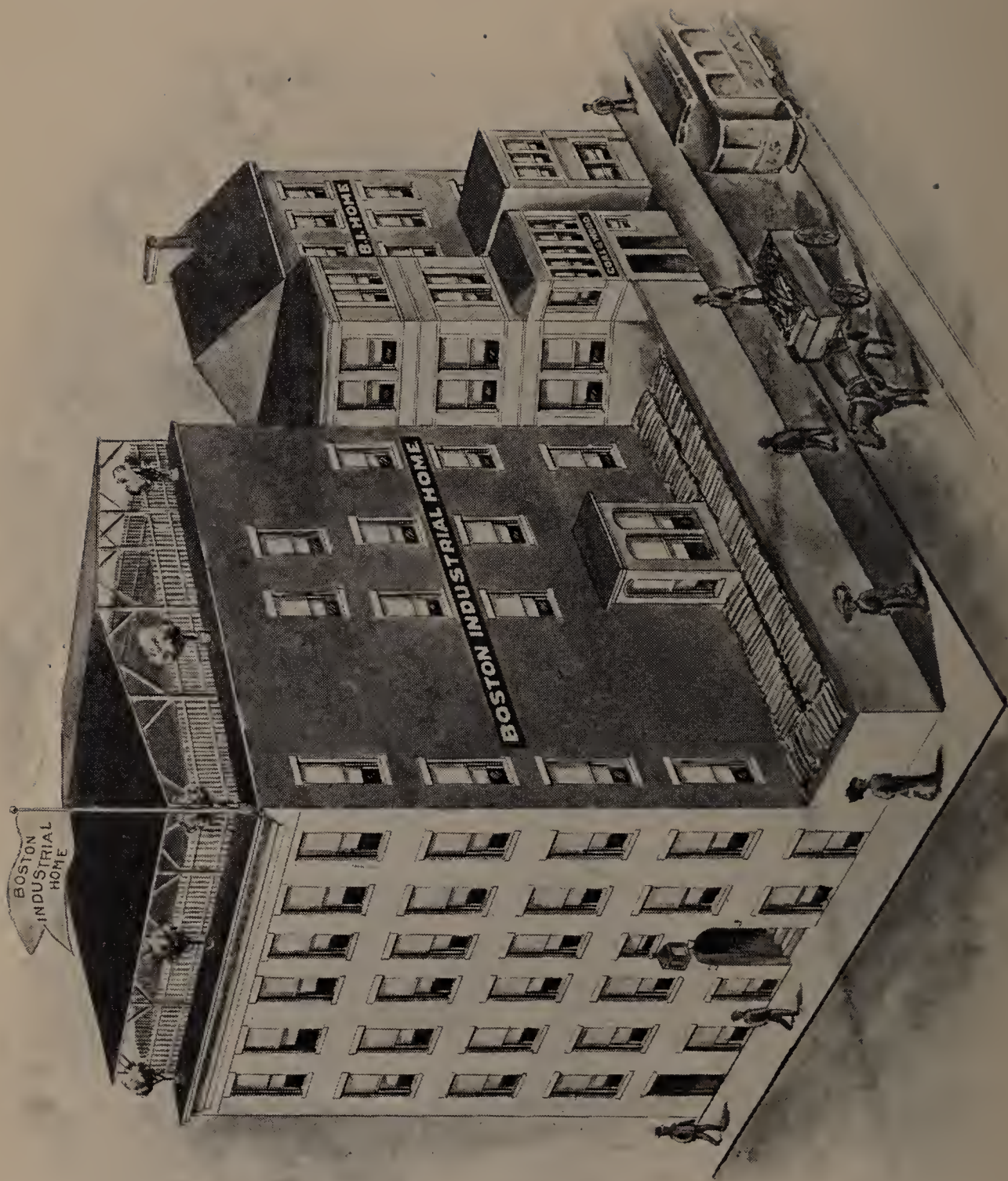
Corner Davis Street and Harrison Avenue



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1912

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CORNER DAVIS STREET AND HARRISON AVENUE



# The Boston Industrial Home (Inc.)

(1913)

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OLIVER C. ELLIOT, *Superintendent.*

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MRS. O. C. ELLIOT, *Matron.*

Superintendent Elliot will visit churches, Sunday schools and societies to present the work on request.



VIEW OF PORTION OF ROOF GARDEN



## President's Report

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**I**T SEEMS almost impossible for me to make any report as I have been in the office of president but a short time. Perhaps the best I can do is to make a salutatory. I accepted the office because I believe in the peculiar kind of work which is done here. I believe in saving the individual by the power of the gospel and I believe in saving the individual by the power of industry. Phillips Brooks long ago said, "Not until you have made men self-reliant, intelligent, fond of struggle—fonder of struggle than of help—not until then have you relieved poverty." The best charity often consists in turning a man away empty from your door. To foster the spirit of dependence is ever going in a circle. Charity as it has been dispensed is noble, but we may say of it as was said of the Charge of the Light Brigade, "It was magnificent but it was not war." It takes more self-control to deny a man than to give to him often, and often when we give it is to relieve ourselves and not the need of the other man. The Boston Industrial Home opens the way for a man to get what he needs and not be spoiled in the getting of it. And in addition, or rather first, he has held up before him the Cross as the symbol of the only way of salvation which has or does lift a man on his feet and send him out strong to be and do.

It has been a year of hard work and yet a year in which we can look back on many men in need who have been helped and many who have been lifted by the power of

Christ into a new life. The beds have been usually full. The gospel meetings have been powerful to save. The roof garden has furnished a splendid place for fresh air and for open air gospel meetings. On the whole we feel we can truthfully say to our friends that the Boston Industrial Home never did a more helpful and inspirational work than during this year.

This summer we have entered upon an investment of the Fresh Air Fund which promises much good to many. We shall be able another year to give a more detailed report of the splendid work which has been done through this fund. Worn men and women, young shop girls on the verge of breaking down, abandoned girls with their little babies and children have been given two weeks of good wholesome country life and brought back heartened for the work of the year. We are trying the experiment of going outside of the regular constituency of the Home in the use of this Fund and we shall be able another year to judge the results.

The Kidder Fund which was left us for sending men home or out of the city who desired to go, has been of great help occasionally. We have found it impossible to use the income, not that we do not have applicants enough but we have found that when sifted, the worthy cases were comparatively few. Too much thanks cannot be extended to our superintendent for the discriminating way in which he sifts cases and uses the money. A unique experience was ours this year—one man really returned the money given him for his fare. Most of them have promised to but we are reminded that only one in ten of the lepers returned to give thanks to the Master and the servant is not greater than his Lord!

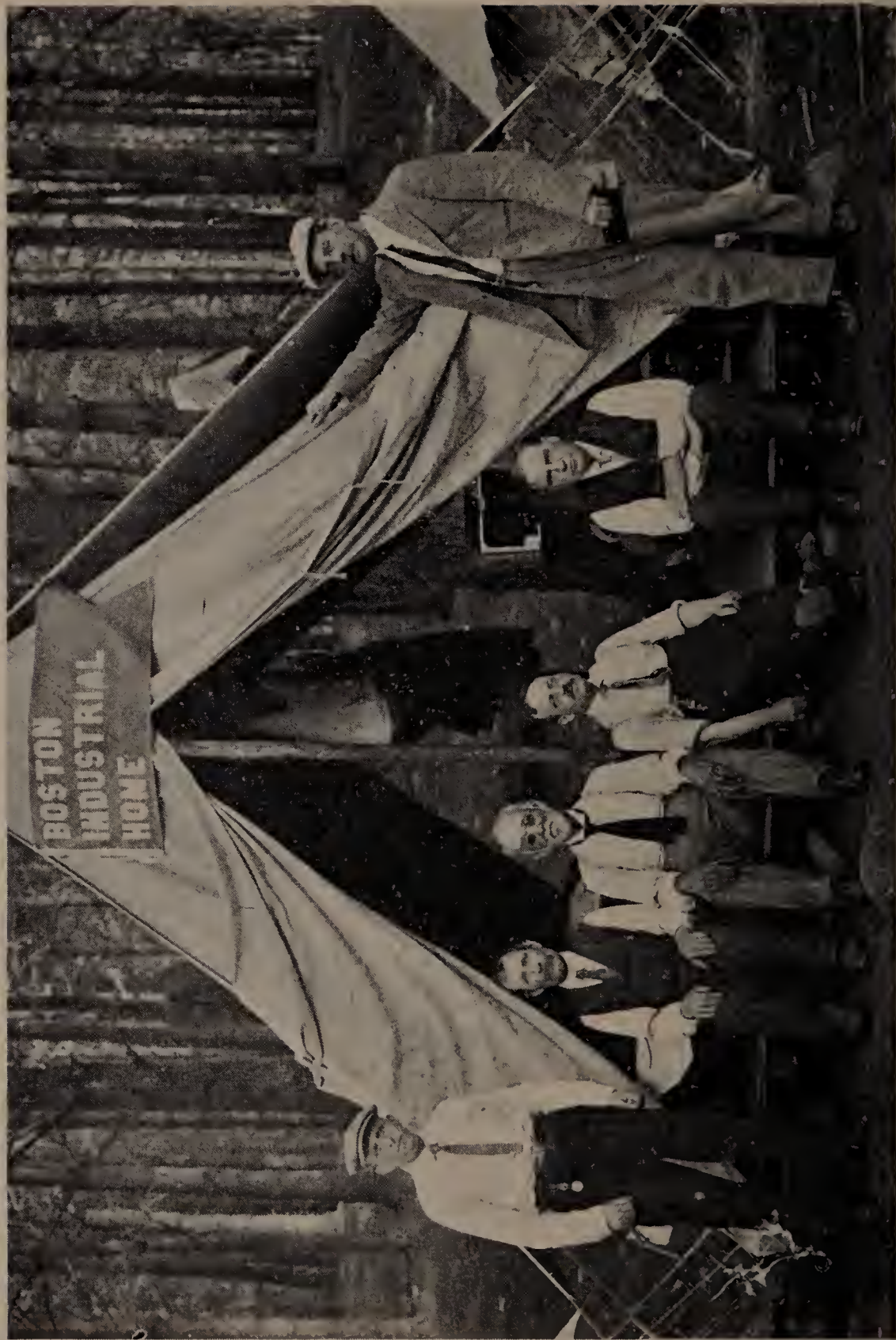
Again we feel that we must lay this work on the hearts of the public that we may get the funds to carry on the



work without incurring debt. It is God's work and belongs to God's people and we must lay it on them with more insistence. We have quite an income from various funds but they cannot be used for current expenses and we are in constant need of more for that purpose. This past year we have special cause for gratitude for the gift of \$6,000 from the estate of George N. Smalley, the income of which is to be used for running expenses. We pray that this next year will see others who recognize our need and our worth to become trustees of our Master in the place where He has set us.

GEORGE LUTHER CADY,  
*President.*





OUR TENT AT "CAMP NORTHFIELD," EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.

## Superintendent's Report

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I COUNT it a distinct honor as well as a great personal privilege to present a report of the past year's work of the Home,—my tenth as your superintendent and the thirty-fifth in the history of the work. In the minds of many the task to which “we have set our face as a flint” borders on the impossible since those to whom we are called to minister have passed into the ranks of that great army of derelicts and ne'er-do-wells for whom the world has little use and against whom the door of opportunity is forever closed. On the basis of human reasoning the task is impossible, but our work is not *all* material; indeed if the effort begins and ends with what we are able to do in a physical and material sense for the unfortunate people who come to us then, truly, it is, to a large extent, time, money and effort wasted and thrown away. But the founders of this great Institution had higher motives than merely to relieve the immediate needs of applicants, viz., “To lift up the hands which hang down, to strengthen the feeble knees and to make straight paths for them that be lame.” Hence to consider a year's work purely on the basis of money expended and profit or loss derived must always of necessity be disappointing since the investment is so great; but if, on the other hand, the ministrations of the Home have been the



means of lifting but *one* unfortunate man out of defeat into permanent victory, then no matter what the cost, the year has proved a success.

Our constituency is gathered from all classes of life, of all different shades of character, of all capacities from the pampered child of luxury to the one who entered life in a garret and received its early training in the gutter, but all of whom have drifted to the one level, the lowest. The law, loaded down with rusty machinery copied from worldly models but absolutely devoid of redemptive and regenerative potency, cannot, does not reach them, but under the influence which obtains here hearts have been touched and softened by the simple gospel we preach, drunkards have become sober men, and many of those who came to us indolent, filthy in habits, shiftless, careless and indifferent have developed into industrious, self-respecting Christian men, visibly expanding in the new atmosphere of hope as a flower under an April sun. I could tire you with specific instances in support of this statement did I think it necessary. Dr. Gordon and those associated with him in the establishment of this work, little dreamed the vastness of the plan they set in motion through faith and prayer, and the whole story of this work will never be fully realized or appreciated until we go hence and see for ourselves those who in their extremity knocked on yonder door "coming up out of great tribulation and making their robes white in the blood of the Lamb" through the kindly ministrations of this Home in His Name.

#### RELIGIOUS WORK

During the past year we held 187 gospel services in the chapel, and I wish it were possible to reproduce in your hearing to-night what it has been our privilege to

hear constantly at these meetings night after night. The tangible evidence of the wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit as it transforms, revives and reconstructs broken lives from abject despair into unspeakable joy. Testimonies that correspond with actual living. I want to take this occasion to thank all those who have assisted us in this important branch of the work,—the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church; the Union Congregational Church; the Mt. Vernon Church; the First Baptist Church of Charlestown, and the students of the Gordon Training School and other ministers and laymen who have from time to time conducted services for us. Words fail me to give adequate expression of my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by our gospel soloist, Mrs. Guy Fern Jones of Waverley, who sings for us every Sunday evening and presides at the piano. This consecrated voice has started the tear and lifted the despondent heart oftener than I can enumerate, and we have the testimony of several men and women who ascribe their conversion to her singing the gospel songs.

#### SUMMER WORK

The spacious roofs of these buildings were transformed as usual last summer into a beautiful flower garden, and the men and women found it a delightfully pleasant and cool spot during the hot weather of the summer. We held our gospel meetings as usual on the roof during the months of *June, July, August and September.*

#### INDUSTRIAL WORK

Our principal industry is the coal and wood business, and we make our men as far as possible self-supporting by the labor incident to the manufacture of kindling



WOOD YARD



wood and shoveling and carrying coal into the residences of our patrons. As the men who come to us are of all trades and no trade, usually physically weak from excesses and privations, obviously it is a difficult task to take a body of such men from the street and provide labor such as they are able to perform. The old plan of sawing and splitting wood by hand is far too strenuous for the average new inmate, hence our machine equipment performs the sawing and splitting and the men are employed carrying and piling wood and loading the teams. Those who are physically unable to perform even such work are employed about the house, cleaning windows, making beds, and in other ways contributing to the cleanliness of the house. It must be remembered that the primary object is to rescue men; and subordinate to that to make the industrial department bear as large a part of the expense as possible. All our inmates are paid some money each week to enable them to maintain a neat and respectable appearance. Surely such a work deserves the hearty co-operation of the public, and we appeal to all those who are interested in real philanthropy to patronize our coal and wood department, the profits of which are applied directly to the work of helping men to help themselves. Last year we sold 4,340 tons of coal and 445 cords of wood, delivered all over the city in our own teams.

#### STATISTICS

The total number of lodgings provided for men was .	32,579
Of this number 13,611 were earned, 16,241 were paid for in cash and 2,727 were given on orders.	
The total number of meals furnished to men was .	46,234
Of this number 41,641 were earned, 718 were paid for in cash and 3,875 were given on orders.	
The total number of days' work furnished to men was .	13,611
The total number of baths . . . . .	6,412
The total number of garments sterilized was . .	3,252

The total number of men admitted during the year was . 1,949

Of this number 927 applied personally and earned their entertainment, 520 paid cash and 502 came on orders. Sixty who paid cash in the first instance were made self-supporting in the Home after their funds were exhausted. Forty-nine men who worked for their entertainment in the beginning were helped to positions and remained at the Home afterwards paying their way in cash.

#### A PAGE FROM THE REGISTER

On a given night 90 men were lodged, of which 45 were Catholics, 39 Protestants, 4 evaded the question and 2 were Hebrews; 40 Americans, 9 Scotch, 20 Irish, 6 English, 2 Negroes, 4 Germans, 2 Polish, 1 French.

Occupations: Hackman, Hotel Clerk, Checker, Designer in Stained Glass, Hotel Porter, Car Conductor, Mail Clerk, Plumber, Carriage Painter, Metal Worker, Brass Finisher, Lather, Plasterer, House Painter, Stationary Engineer, Brakeman, Electrician, Locomotive Engineer, Fireman, Stenographer, Calico Printer, Chef, Scene Shifter, Pipe Layer, House Decorator, Cattleman, Ship's Steward, Grocer, Peddler, Umbrella Maker, Dry Goods Clerk, Prize Fighter, Baseball Player.

Average age, 39½ years. Married, 42; single, 48.

#### WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

The work in the women's department was continued as in other years by providing clean wholesome quarters for working women at a nominal cost. Mrs. Elliot has done excellent work among the women and while we cannot give definite results of a spiritual nature among them, nevertheless we see a marked improvement in them. They attend the services and manifest an interest in them. Some sixty places were secured for women the past year.

The total number of beds furnished to women was . 10,918

Of which number 2,913 were earned, 7,422 cash and 583 orders.

The total number of meals for women . . . . .	11,473
Of which number 7,663 were earned, 2,813 cash and 997 orders.	
The total number of baths for women was . . . . .	1,244
days' work . . . . .	2,913
The total number of women admitted was . . . . .	520

#### SUMMARY STATISTICS

Total lodgings to men and women . . . . .	43,497
Meals . . . . .	57,707
Days' work . . . . .	16,524
Baths . . . . .	7,656

#### THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

We observed Thanksgiving Day as usual by providing a sumptuous turkey dinner to our inmates. This feast was made possible through the generosity of our merchant friends and proprietors of Boston's best hotels who either contributed cash or turkeys. The dessert for this feast was delicious mince pie made and contributed by the Parker House.

The Christmas exercises consisted of an entertainment followed by the distribution of useful gifts to each of the inmates.

The entire cost of these annual observances was contributed by friends of the Home.

OLIVER C. ELLIOT,  
*Superintendent.*





CHAPEL SERVICE

Dr.	Cr.
Receipts and Expenditures for Year 1912	

1912.		1913.	
Jan. 1. Balance on hand	\$503 42	Paid for coal and wood	\$34,292 73
Sale coal and wood	40,391 00	" Provisions and supplies	4,650 11
From persons aided	4,744 35	" Salaries supt. and officers	1,600 00
" Mortgage	10,000 00	" Labor employees	3,403 82
" Loans	657 94	" " transients	1,431 47
" Legacy	350 00	" Stable maintenance	1,896 88
" Donations	1,033 00	" Repairs and furnishing	769 41
" Interest on deposits	34 41	" Water rates and insurance	504 35
		" Gas and electric lights	632 30
		" Telephone	192 11
		" Printing, advertising and stationery	249 68
		" Carfares and postage	231 58
		" Loans and interest	7,026 72
		" Medical expense	100 00
		" Attorneys' fees	102 85
		" Miscellaneous, incidentals	284 78
		1913.	
		Jan. 1. Balance	345 33
			\$57,714 12

CHAS. D. BAGNALL, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the accounts of the Boston Industrial Home and find the same correctly cast and the proper vouchers on file.

We have also examined the securities and find the same as reported by the Treasurer.

CHARLES H. STEARNS }  
FREEMAN O. EMERSON } *Auditing Committee.*  
JAMES M. DOUGLASS }

# Visiting Committee

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March

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ABRAM P. DOWNS.

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December

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(1914)

January

VICTOR J. LORING.

A. GORDON WEINZ.

February

REV. GEORGE L. CADY.

CHARLES R. DARLING.



## Donors of Cash

(1912)

Ambacher, L. A.	Hal, Mrs. George A.
Blume, Andreas	Heath, William S.
Beal, Mrs. H. L.	Herrick, Rev. E. C.
Ball, Dr. W. D.	Hall, C. P.
Baker, Geo. N.	Johnson, Mrs. Wolcott H.
Bridgman, F. E.	Johnson, Rev. Herbert S.
Bauer, Mrs. C.	Kidner, Rev. R.
Bagnall, C. D.	Lynch & Woodward
Best, J. P.	Leavitt, Rev. B. T.
Chapin, Miss	Moran, Mrs. A.
Crosby & Son	Murphy, C. J.
Clarendon St. Ch., Y. P. S. C. E.	Perry, Arthur
Campbell, W. P.	Richards, Mrs. C. A.
Coolidge, John T.	Red Cross Chemical Co.
Duffill, John H.	Rubin, J.
Darling Chas. R.	Raymond, C. P.
Duncan, Mrs. S. M. F.	Stearns, C. H.
Emerson, F. O.	Stockdale, Rev. A. A.
Eager, Mrs. Geo. H.	Stone, Isaac C.
Fiske, H. W.	Schmitt, Chas. A.
First Presbyterian Church	Troup, C. A. S.
Fitzgerald, Hon. J. F. (Mayor)	Union Church, Y. P. S. C. E.
Fowle, George W.	Union Fuel Co. (Mr. Klous)
Fay, Miss S. M.	Warner, Orren H.
Gay, Mrs. Albert	Wentworth, O. M.
Gifford, Rev. O. P., D.D.	Wood, Frank
Guild, Miss S. L.	



DINING ROOM

## Donors of Provisions, etc.

Armour Company	Hotel Woodcock
Alger, F. J.	Johnson, H. A., Co.
Chase & Sanborn	Nash & Hopkins
Stack, John	Needlewomen's Guild of America
Crawford House	Potter & Wrightington
Hall, Martin L., Co.	Parker House
Hotel Bellevue	Rhodes Brothers
Hotel Brunswick	Schmitt, C. A.
Hotel Lenox	Swain Earle & Co.
Hotel Vendome	Tuer, Miss E.

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## Rufus G. F. Candage

The Boston Industrial Home has met with a great loss in the death of Captain Rufus G. F. Candage, a member of the Board of its Directors for twenty years and for the past thirteen years its President. We recall with heartfelt appreciation his almost constant presence at our meetings, his kind and conscientious suggestions and his unvarying and deep interest in its affairs,—and we thank God that he was spared to us for such a long period of time. We shall miss his cheerful countenance and presence and we desire to place on record the sense of our great loss.

(Resolutions adopted Oct. 22, 1912.)

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# What the Boston Industrial Home is and What it Does

1. Is an incorporated body composed of accredited members of various churches and denominations, managed by a board of eleven directors chosen annually by the corporation.

2. Is an open door of opportunity to the man who wants to do right.

3. Assists the churches by preaching the gospel to a class of people they cannot otherwise reach.

4. Does its work seven days of the week in an unsectarian way.

5. Encourages Christian sympathy for the unfortunate victims of drink, gambling and impure habits.

6. Makes employment the basis of relief.

7. Maintains a separate department for women with all the comforts of home for 15 cents per night.

8. Is a thirty-four years' demonstration of the practicability and efficiency of the industrial factor in rescue mission work.

9. By every legitimate means tries to help men and women to help themselves.

## An Investment

Many business men recognize the Boston Industrial Home as a necessity. Their employees have been restored to manhood there. A subscription to its support is not a charity, but an investment. The Boston Industrial Home is one of the most potent deterrents of crime in Boston; it is a strong economic agency in the return to productive usefulness of humanity on the down grade. We help men and women to help themselves, and we help men and women who could not help themselves.

We contribute to the city in manhood more than we could ever get in money. The highest use of money is in transforming it into Christian manhood.

## Form of Bequest

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*I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of.....dollars, for the purposes for which the institution was established; which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.*



## NOTICE

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Cast-off Clothing for men and women is always very necessary in our work. We will gladly send for packages upon notification.      ✨   ✨   ✨   ✨   ✨

👉 Garments sent to us will be given away to deserving persons, and *Not Sold*.   ✨   ✨



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# Boston Industrial Home

## COAL AND WOOD DEPARTMENT

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THIS WORTHY CHARITY



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